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After reading Robert Cringely's article on the proposed settlement (<http://www.pbs.org/cringely/pulpit/pulpit20011206.html>), it concerns me greatly that non-commercial organizations are being overlooked.

Microsoft's greatest enemy is open standards, which allow customers to choose freely between vendors and products without being trapped into an existing solution. These open standards are almost universally supported and developed by non-profit and volunteer organizations such as the Apache and Samba Foundations. Please keep open standards very much in mind when developing this settlement.

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